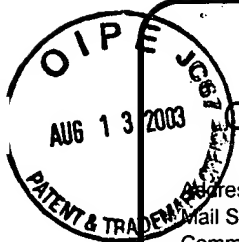


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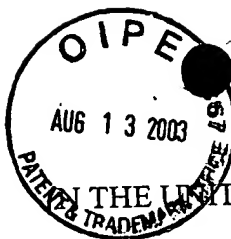
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Sir:

Enclosed is a response to the Office Action of February 26, 2003. Due to the holiday on May 26, 2003, the present office action is due without extensions on Tuesday, May 27, 2003.

Please take into consideration the following claim amendments starting on page 2 of the response in the new format. Further consideration is requested with respect to the Applicant's remarks. Allowance of the present invention is respectfully requested.